#### **AGENDA**

#### BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

March 6, 2007

7:30 PM Aldermanic Chambers City Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

- 1. Mayor Guinta calls the meeting to order.
- 2. The Clerk calls the roll.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Mayor Guinta advises if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please so indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

## Approve under direct supervision of the Department of Highways

**A.** PSNH Pole Petition #11-149 located on Barry Avenue.

## <u>Informational – to be Received and Filed</u>

- **B.** Communication from Robert MacKenzie, Director of Planning/Interim Director of Economic Development, submitting an Economic Development update.
- C. Communication from Sharon Wickens, Financial Analyst II, submitting a revenue comparison report relating to licenses and permits for FY2007 and FY2006.
- **D.** Manchester Health Department Monthly Report Summary, February 2007.
- **E.** Minutes of the Mayor's Utility Coordinating Committee meeting held on February 21, 2007.
- F. Communication from the Manchester Employees' Contributory Retirement System submitting a Special Report on Retiree Cost of Living Adjustments.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

## COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT AND REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

G. Advising that it has accepted the City's Monthly Financial Statements (unaudited) for the seven months ended January 31, 2007 for FY2007 and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

(Note: available for viewing at the Office of the City Clerk and previously forwarded to the Mayor and Aldermen.)

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Thibault who was absent.)

- H. Advising that it has accepted the following Finance Department reports:
  - a) department legend;
  - b) open invoice report over 90 days by fund;
  - c) open invoice report all invoices for interdepartmental billings only;
  - d) open invoice report all invoices due from the School Department only;
  - e) listing of invoices submitted to City Solicitor for legal determination; and
  - f) accounts receivable summary

and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

(Note: available for viewing at the Office of the City Clerk and previously forwarded to the Mayor and Aldermen.)

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Thibault who was absent.)

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

- I. Recommending that a proposal to provide angled parking on Mechanic Street at a cost of approximately \$3,200 in striping and related equipment set up be approved. The Committee notes that 27 additional spaces will be created through this action.
  - (Unanimous vote.)
- J. Recommending that regulations for standing, stopping, parking and operation of vehicles be adopted as noted and those inconsistent therewith be repealed.

(Unanimous vote.)

- K. Recommending that a request for the painting of shamrocks at the intersections of Elm & Pleasant Streets and Elm & Hanover Streets for the St. Patrick's Day Parade scheduled for March 18, 2007, be granted and approved under the direct supervision of the Manchester Police Department and the Traffic Division of the Highway Department.
- L. Advising that it has approved the use of Arms Park by B5ONE on Saturday, June 10, 2007 from 9 AM till 4 PM for their annual Treffen der Hamster event.

  (Unanimous vote.)
- M. Advising that it has approved that any future requests for the use of parking lots be referred to the Parking Manager for purposes of coordination with other departments with subsequent referral to this Committee for final approval.

  (Unanimous vote.)

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, A MOTION WOULD BE IN ORDER THAT THE CONSENT AGENGA BE APPROVED.

4. Nominations to be presented by Mayor Guinta, if available.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- 5. Report(s) of the Committee on Lands and Buildings, if available. Ladies and Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?
- 6. State Legislative update to be presented by Mayor Guinta, if available.

7. Ordinance: (A motion is in order to read by title only.)

"Amending the penalties for certain Code Sections listed in 38.06 Penalties and providing for a penalty for failure to pay within 7 days."

This Ordinance having had its third and final reading by title only, the question is on passing same to be Ordained.

## TABLED ITEMS

A motion is in order to remove any of the following items from the table for discussion.

**8.** Report of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the B-2 (General Business) zoning district to include property currently zoned IND (Industrial) located on the south side of Gold Street east of the former Lawrence Branch of the B&M Railroad and including the following three lots Tax Map 875-14, 875-15, 875-16."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Garrity and Pinard recorded in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed.) (Tabled 09/05/2006)

9. Report of the Committee on Bills on Second Reading recommending that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district to include property currently zoned R-1B (Single-family) located on a portion of Tax Map 691 Lot 143-1 that will be on the north side of a proposed Gold Street Bypass and adjacent to Bradley Street and the New St. Augustin's Cemetery."

ought to pass.

(Aldermen  $\bar{D}$ uval, Lopez, Garrity and Pinard recorded in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed.) (Tabled 09/05/2006)

10. Bond Resolution: (A motion is in order to read by title only.)

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,300,000) for the 2007 CIP 713107, Granite Street Reconstruction – Phase 3 Project."

If the Board do desires, a motion is in order that the Bond Resolution pass and be Enrolled.

(Tabled 02/20/2007)

## 11. RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Beech Street, east side, from Webster Street to Amherst Street (ORD. 2622).

(Tabled 02/20/2007)

(Note: clarification submitted by Jim Hoben, Deputy Traffic Director.)

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Communications
- b) Aldermen
- 13. A motion is in order to recess the regular meeting to allow a strategy session with the Chief Negotiator.
- 14. Mayor Guinta calls the meeting back to order.
- 15. If there is no further business, a motion is in order to adjourn.

# CITY OF MANCHESTER, NH PETITION FOR POLE LOCATION LICENSE

POLE LOCATION FORM NO. 1

February 13, 2007

To the Hon. Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester. New Hampshire:

# PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE & VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

request a license to install and maintain underground conduits, cables and wires and to erect and maintain poles and structures with wires, cables, conduits and devices thereon, together with such sustaining, strengthening and protecting fixtures as may be necessary, along, across, and under the following public ways:

License three poles, 378/52, 378/51, 378/49, located on Barry Ave in the Town of Manchester.

Wherefore we pray, that we be granted a license to install and maintain underground conduits, cables and wires and to erect and maintain poles and structures with wires, cables, conduits and devices thereon together with sustaining, strengthening and protecting fixtures as may be necessary, said underground conduits, poles and structures to be installed approximately in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked "POLE LOCATION PLAN, PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND".

Plan No. 11-1149

Dated: January 30, 2007

PUBLIC SERVICE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Licensing Specialist

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

Glenn Mills, Right of Way Department





## CITY OF MANCHESTER

## **Planning and Community Development**

Planning Community Improvement Program Growth Management



Staff to:
Planning Board
Heritage Commission
Millyard Design Review Committee

Memorandum

To:

Board of the Mayor and Aldermen

From:

Robert S. MacKenzie

Director of Planning

Interim Director of Economic Development

Date:

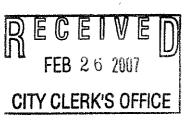
February 25, 2007

Subject:

Economic Development Update

Please find attached a quarterly update on economic development activities of the Department as of the end of February.

I will be available at the meeting if you have any questions.





## **Economic Development Update**

March, 2007

- ▶ Northwest Business Park Hackett Hill. The Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority has submitted a subdivision plan for 13 lots at the northern end of the property. The Planning Board closed the hearings on this project at their meeting on February 22 and therefore will be considering a final action at their next regular business meeting. The first business in the park JPSA (a laser technologies firm) has nearly completed their renovations. The MHRA has submitted to the State for wetlands permitting.
- ▶ Economic Development Marketing. This program will lead to the development of a brand identity for the City's economic development efforts, including a logo. Collateral pieces (marketing brochures and related materials) will be updated, a tradeshow booth will be created (to promote Manchester at corporate real estate, developer and retail trade shows), and a direct mail/email business recruitment campaign will be initiated. A series of focus groups has been held including those with Aldermen. Staff is anticipating provide information to the Board at your March 20 meeting and seeking concurrence to move forward with the final preparation of materials. It is expected that the completion date will be around the end of June.

In addition, staff has selected a firm to create an economic development website. This site will be key in attracting business, economic development and investment. These activities are in accord with the marketing grant provided by the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development to the City. Funding was also provided by the Manchester Development Corporation.

- Ash Street School. A purchase and sales agreement has been entered into between the City, Amoskeag Industries and Weston Solutions. Staff has worked with the applicant to submit a required Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board. This will be coming to the Board this month.
- ▶ Parking Division. The Parking Division is continuing to fine-tune the Pay and Display system. The Division is implementing a transition plan for the management of the Parking Control Officers. The Parking manager is also beginning to look at other issues including the future home of the Division, the future management of the Victory Garage, expanding onstreet parking opportunities such as on Mechanic Street where an additional 27 parking spaces will be added and developing an action plan for development of new parking opportunities.
- ▶ **Job Corps Center**. The City has been awarded what will be one of the last new Job Corps Centers in the country. The center will cost approximately \$30,000,000, supply training services to 300-500 young people and generate \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 annually to the City's economy. The MEDO and Planning staff will be assisting the State and Federal governments in the planning for and development of the project.
- ▶ Neighborhood Development. MEDO staff will be working with the Planning Staff on assisting small businesses in the neighborhood redevelopment areas. This assistance will include the formation of neighborhood business associations.



- ▶ Wellington Hill. Staff has been working with The Diocese of Manchester to assemble and market multiple residential parcels totaling approximately 39 acres (10+ acres owned by the City and 10+ owned by the Diocese). The location of this undeveloped site is west of the Fox Hollow Subdivision, North of Wellington Hill Road and East of Mammoth Road. The Lands and Buildings Committee received a preliminary review of the proposal and the staff will be submitting for various actions including: determination of surplus, marketing agreement with the Diocese, and release and discharge petition for the paper streets. The next step will be at the Lands and Buildings Committee. The project could net the City of Manchester in excess of \$1 million in revenue while generating new annual tax revenue and much-needed housing to support a growing economy.
- ▶ Jac Pac Site. A Request for Proposals (RFP) has been issued by the staff tó solicit development proposals and purchase offers for the 17-acre site on the Merrimack River adjacent to the Queen City Interchange with I-293. As reported in March 2006, the Downtown Development Strategy prepared by Hillier Architecture recommended that the City "assemble land to be used for new industrial and office development" and "create a competitive process to identify a developer to develop and market the property."

There was one proposal for the site submitted by the Anagnost Companies. Staff has met with a review committee and is planning a meeting with the developer in early March. An appraisal has been commissioned in order to evaluate the proposed offer. Although it had been hoped that the recommendation from the review committee could be to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen by mid-March, it may take somewhat longer to negotiate with the developer.

The Manchester Housing and Redevelopment Authority (MHRA) holds title to the property for sole purposes of securing and maintaining the site until the City determines how to best market and dispose of it. A total budget of \$3,500,000 was allocated to the MHRA for acquisition, environmental analysis, maintenance & security, insurance and demolition.

- ➤ **Commuter Rail**. Staff is working with the Governor's Advisory Group on Rail to determine a feasible alternative for returning commuter service to Nashua and Manchester. Legislation has been submitted at the state level to deal with issues such as liability.
- ▶ **Gold Street Project**. The property owners of the former AG site on Gold Street are looking for a tenant to replace the Home Depot proposal. Planning and EDO staff stands ready to assist the implementation when this occurs.
- ▶ **UNH Expansion**. Staff is working with the Finance Department in the future expansion of UNHM along with potential mixed-use development and parking garage. An RFP will be issued when UNHM has progressed in their planning. Meetings with UNH are planned in the near future.



- ▶ **Rehabilitation Tax Incentives**. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen has recently adopted the provisions of RSA 79-E, which allows for communities to grant tax waivers for a certain amount of time for buildings that receive significant rehabilitation. The downtown currently qualifies but the staff is pursuing whether additional neighborhood centers can qualify for the program. The staff has been developing a draft of an application form and evaluation criteria which will be submitted to the Board for their approval.
- ▶ **EDA Grant Projects.** The Phase I program with funding from the Economic Development Administration has now been closed out.

Phase II projects will be completed in the next year including:

- Commuter Rail Facility Development & Financing Analyze the feasibility of using innovative financing techniques (e.g. TIF Financing) to generate new incremental tax revenues capable of supporting debt service on commuter rail station development and rail bed/track improvements.
- Technology Incubator This feasibility analysis would survey and evaluate research and
  development opportunities and identify the most promising areas of technology
  development and commercialization for a tech-based business incubator in Manchester.
  The analysis would include: research and visit best-in-class incubator facilities; identify
  facility tools, support systems, and equipment needs to create desired activity; and identify
  sponsors and funding mechanisms and plan its location.
- Advanced Technology Research Laboratory A feasibility analysis for this will focus on identifying and matching strategic and urgent government research and defense needs with innovative private and university research capacity and capability in Manchester and Northern New England. The goal would be to create a research center that that utilizes Manchester area firms to fulfill specialized government research needs.
- Manchester Capital Initiative The Manchester Capital Initiative (MCI) is a program
  designed to facilitate the development of a reliable supply of risk capital for business startups and expanding companies from angel investors and venture capitalists.
- Performing Arts/Convention Center Feasibility Study This analysis would examine a
  concert and performance venue capable of seating 1,500 to 2,000 people and a
  convention center capable of accommodating larger trade shows and conferences, which
  would further attract business meetings, support services, new visitors, local spending and
  increased tax revenues to the City of Manchester.
- ▶ Other Activities. Staff has been active in working with other prospective developers and businesses. Staff is also creating a retention plan designed to increase communication with the City's current businesses to ensure those already doing business in Manchester have the resources and support they need to remain healthy and thriving in our community.





## City of Manchester Department of Finance

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February 23, 2007

Board of Mayor and Aldermen C/o Mr. Leo Bernier City Clerk One City Hall Plaza Manchester, NH 03101

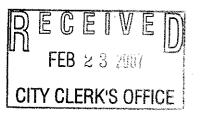
Dear Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen,

Attached, please find a revenue comparison report pertaining to licenses and permits for fiscal year 2007 and fiscal year 2006. This report was requested by Alderman Roy at the last Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

Please let me know if you should have any question or additional report requests.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Wickens Financial Analyst II



City of Manchester Licenses and Permits Revenue Comparison FY07 to 01/31/07 and FY06 YTD

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PROGRAM LISTING:

Arbovirus Surveillance & Control

Chronic Disease Prevention

Communicable Disease Control

Community Epidemiology

Dental Health

Environmental Planning and Pollution Control

Food Protection

**HIV Prevention** 

**Immunizations** 

Institutional Inspections

Lead Poisoning Prevention

Public Health Investigations

Public Health Preparedness

Refugee Health

School Health

Sexually Transmitted Disease Control

Tuberculosis Control

Water Quality

Youth Health Promotion

## MANCHESTER HEALTH DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARY, FEBRUARY 2007

#### CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION

Summary of Programs: Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, and diabetes, characterize the top five leading causes of death in the City of Manchester. Heart disease is the number one cause of death for Manchester residents. Despite representing only 9% of the state's total population, the City of Manchester accounts for nearly 12% of all deaths due to heart disease in the State of New Hampshire. A common thread among chronic diseases, such as heart disease and asthma, is that they are largely preventable through behavior modification and environmental interventions. Accordingly, there are many steps individuals can take to reduce their risk factors associated with most chronic diseases, such as not smoking, getting more physical activity, and making healthier food choices. The chronic disease prevention initiatives of the Community Epidemiology and Disease Prevention Division aim to address these risk factors for disease by promoting healthy lifestyle changes that will reduce the frequency of chronic diseases among Manchester residents.

Heart Disease: Through a collaborative partnership with the American Heart Association, Catholic Medical Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock-Manchester, and Elliot Hospital, the Passport to Cardiovascular Health Challenge has been developed to help participants reduce their risk factors for heart disease. It is the goal of the Challenge Planning Committee to extend the model of this program to the business community and the Manchester community-at-large in the near future.

Asthma: Nationally, New England States have a higher prevalence of asthma. If managed properly, asthmatics should never require emergency inpatient hospital care for issues related to asthma. The City of Manchester has higher rates of inpatient hospital discharges due to asthma than the rest of the State of New Hampshire with 158 inpatient discharges in 2004 versus 76 inpatient discharges respectively. Funded by the New England Environmental Protection Agency, the Multilingual Asthma Education and Outreach Program provides home-based asthma education and case management services for families with children who have persistent, moderate to severe asthma. This program aims to reduce emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and school days missed due to uncontrolled asthma.

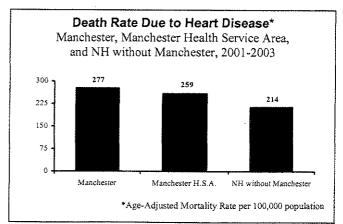
Cancer: Cancer is the second leading cause of death for Manchester residents. The City of Manchester accounts for nearly 9% of all deaths due to cancer in the State of New Hampshire. The Manchester Crusade Against Cancer was formed to develop initiatives and interventions targeted at reducing the incidence of cancer among Manchester residents. Since it's inception in 2005, over 10 community partners have joined the Crusade. Based on preventability and higher rates of mortality among Manchester residents, the Manchester Crusade Against Cancer targets it's efforts at Breast, Lung, and Colorectal Cancer.

#### **Summary of Activities:**

- Development of the Passport to Cardiovascular Health Challenge to reduce risk factors associated with heart disease, such as physical inactivity and poor nutrition; over 100 City Employees participated in a pilot offering resulting in significant improvements in health screening measurements and healthy behavior changes.
- Partnership with the American Heart Association, Catholic Medical Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock-Manchester, and Elliot Hospital to provide local business with the tools and resources they need to establish worksite wellness programs for their employees.
- Nearly 25 Manchester families have benefited from home-based asthma services through the Multilingual Asthma Education and Outreach Program; an additional 15-20 families will be provided services in 2007.
- Educational displays of cancer-related resources and services for Manchester residents and City Employees, and development of systems-level interventions, such as a healthcare provider reminder system for smoking cessation.

#### **Program Notes and Trends:**

The City of Manchester accounts for nearly 13% of all deaths due to diabetes in the State of New Hampshire. Manchester has higher rates of inpatient hospital discharges due to diabetes than the rest of the State of New Hampshire with 138 inpatient discharges in 2004 versus 108 inpatient discharges respectively. Based on this identified need, it is the goal of the Division of Community Epidemiology and Disease Prevention to investigate existing diabetes prevention efforts in the community, and partner with local organizations to develop and implement interventions targeted at the prevention of diabetes among Manchester residents.



#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

## Manchester Health Department Employee of the Year

Jaime Hoebeke, BS, CHES, has been selected as the 2006 Manchester Health Department Employee of the Year. Jaime was nominated and selected by her peers for her outstanding work with the NH Institute for Local Public Health Practice, the Passport to Cardiovascular Health Program, the Manchester Crusade Against Cancer, and numerous other local and state-wide public health projects.

## Manchester Weed & Seed Recognition

Manchester, New Hampshire, was one of three Weed & Seed sites from across the country (along with Charleston, SC and Atlanta, GA) that was selected to present on their successes at this year's annual Weed & Seed Conference.

## Retirement of Irene Coulon & Terry Tolman

The Health Department wants to recognize Irene Coulon and Terry Tolman for their dedicated 27 years to the community as the Health Department's Dental Hygienists and wish them well in their retirement.

#### **DISEASE NOTES**

#### Public Health Advisory: Norovirus

Over the past two months, both the City of Manchester and State of New Hampshire have experienced numerous outbreaks of Norovirus associated with schools, child care centers and long-term care facilities.

Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause gastrointestinal illness. Norovirus is highly communicable and is spread through person-to-person contact, consumption of contaminated food and water, airborne droplets of vomit and contact with contaminated surfaces.

The most common symptoms of Norovirus include nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps and diarrhea. Recovery usually occurs in 1-2 days. No specific treatment is available; however, it is important to increase fluid intake to avoid dehydration.

There is no vaccine to prevent Norovirus; however, there are several precautions individuals should take:

- Good handwashing is the most important means to prevent transmission.
- Cook all shellfish thoroughly before eating.
- Wash raw vegetables before eating.
- Dispose of sewage in a sanitary manner.
- Ill food handlers and health care workers should stay home from work if they have symptoms of Norovirus

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our website at http://www.manchesternh.gov/CityGov/HLT/Home.html, or call 624-6466



## MAYOR'S UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

February 21, 2007

<u>Chairman's Synopsis:</u> Construction work continues into the winter at a number of sites in the City including the CMC Parking Garage and Medical Office Building as well as the expansion of the Currier Museum of Art. Demolition of old F.E. Everett Turnpike bridge is almost complete. Foundations for the new abutments are in, walls being formed. With warmer weather anticipated look for construction to begin on the West side CSO's, as well as on the site of the Second St. Subaru, the Mobil Station at Second St. and South Main, and the CVS Pharmacy at the former "Sully's" Market location.

The meeting was called to order by Peter Capano at 10:05 AM.

### **MANCHESTER HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT**

## Ward

- #3 157 Chestnut St.
- MHRA intends to relocate the offices of the Construction
   Division from 89 Pine St. to this property. Ferd Construction continues work. Work is 90% complete. Anticipate occupancy in March.
- #12 French Hall
- J.P. Sercel Assoc. (Lazer design/production firm) currently renovating the property. Occupancy has been rescheduled.
- **#12** Northwest Business Park
- Planning Board held subdivision hearing in December. Hearing raised questions regarding traffic impact, wetlands impact and buffers. Oest Engineering is gathering information to be presented at February planning board meeting.
- #11 Brown School
- An addition will be made to the former school building so as to accommodate 34 units of Elderly Housing. North Branch Construction continues on construction. Framing for addition continues. Demolition and underground plumbing is complete. Installation of windows in the existing building has begun.
- #3 Jac-Pac
- Continuing to look for interim use proposals. CMC continues to use the site for parking during construction of the parking garage on McGregor Street. Early in December, a developer's conference was held at the site. Development proposals are due in late January. One proposal development received.

### **STATE PROJECTS**

- #6 Candia Road [Bypass 28-I-93]
- R.S. Audley is under contract with the N.H.-D.O.T. for this road reconstruction project. The east end of the job is paved. Is shut down for winter. Completion expected in Spring of 2008.

## Ward#

## #11 Granite St./F.E. Everett Trnpk Imprv.

- The NHDOT "C" contract was awarded to Middlesex Corp. of Mass. at \$28,687,750 which includes the City's work on Granite Street between Main St. and the river plus turnpike work. The new southbound lane bridge on the Everett Turnpike is in service. Northbound traffic has been put on the new bridge and the old one is being demolished.

The City's Granite St. Bridge Contract was awarded to E.D. Swett, the low bidder at \$11.7 million. Steel is being placed for a couple of sections now. The remainder of the City's (Contract "E") Granite Street work (Commercial St. to Elm St.) will be bid in 2007.

## **#8** Airport Access Road

 The NH Department of Transportation's design is progressing. Building demolition is complete in Manchester. Construction is expected to begin in 2007. The project will be split into multiple contracts. HTA is designing relocation of Trolley Crossing Pump Station force main for EPD.

### PLANNING/BUILDING

### **SUBDIVISIONS**

**#12** Woodland Pond

- 77 lot subdivision for single-family homes approved with roads off Countryside Blvd. Work has begun on last phase.

#1 McLane Way

- Seven unit planned development is under construction.

#6 Grand View Estates

 15 homes proposed on an extension of Lindstrom Lane is under construction.

#2 Sky Meadow Way

4 unit planned development approved off Currier Drive, work has begun.

#3 167/168 Silver St.

- Two six-unit condos approved by Planning Board.

#8 270 Stanton St.

- 4 new lots approved by Planning Board. Utility work underway on one lot.

## SITE PLANS

#3 Chinburg

Multiple residential townhouses are under construction with two high-rise towers to follow just south of Fisher Cats Stadium. Some occupancy permits have been issued.

## Ward#

#6 1207 Hanover St. -

#2 166 LaGrange Ave. - Islamic Society Mosque foundation permit issued from Building Department. #12 25 Hackett Hill - The Gables project, 52 units. Three buildings are done, the Road next one is underway. **#2** 845 Mammoth Rd. - One three story, 10 unit building approved by Planning Board. #10 800 Second St. - The Planning Board has approved a proposal for a two story 4,748 S.F. auto sales and service facility with parking. #6 Hobbs Way Five houses to be built off Bridge Street Extension. #5 661 Bell St. - Combination of 12 handicap access apartments & 26 "Vista View" townhouses. One townhouse is occupied, a building permit has been issued for the third building. #9 915 S.Mammoth Rd. - Three self-storage units has Planning Board approval. **#7** Maple/Silver Sts. - Mill proposal to be converted to 57 units of housing. (Manchester Neighbor Works) Building permits have been issued. Demolition has begun. #2 978 Mammoth Rd. - "Mammoth Oaks" 8-unit planned development approved, construction has begun. #11 CMC Project consists of a new medical office building and a parking garage. Walkway over McGregor St. to be built. Harvey Construction managing this project. #6 1070 Holt Ave. Industrial building is almost complete. #12 The Neighborhood - 487 Units on 110 acres bordering Goffstown and Hooksett @ Woodland Pond at Hackett Hill approved by Planning Board. Work is underway on extension of Countryside Blvd. Townhouses and condos under construction. #2 Currier Museum Expansion of building towards Orange St. and parking lot on of Art the Prospect Street is well underway. Steel erection is complete. #6 Karatzas Ave. Three building lots with 200 housing units approved by the Planning Board.

Rehabilitation of existing warehouse/retail to 19,500 S.F. with

loading and parking. Approved by Planning Board.

## Ward #

#9 161 So.Beech St. - Four story, 29 unit apartment proposed along with conversion of church to retail space. Approved by Planning Board.

**#3** 55 W.Brook St. - A 15,530 S.F. building for PSNH Call Center with parking. Work is well underway.

**#3** 386 Union St. - A 4,000 S.F. one story Laundromat at Lake Avenue has been approved.

#9 3 S. Maple St. - A four story, 4,000 s.f., 20 unit apartment building with first floor office space and parking garage approved by Planning Board.

#8 1000 S.Willow St. - The replacement of "Bickford's" with a 4,000 s.f. Bank of America has been approved.

#8 725 Huse Rd. - The replacement of Harvey Industries with a 157,000 s.f. "Lowe's" has been proposed.

#9 775 S.Willow St. - The replacement of a drive-through bank with a fueling facility for Stop n' Shop approved.

#6 190 Zachary Rd. - A proposal to build a 79,000 S.F. office/manufacturing and warehouse has Planning Board approval.

#10 S.Main/2<sup>nd</sup> St. - "Mobil On the Run" to be expanded and car wash added.

## Water Works Projects

## Water Main Relays

A) Spruce – Wilson to Massabesic 720 L.F. of 6" B) Jewett – Young to Massabesic 1,500 L.F. of 6", 8" C) Laurel - Wilson to Hall 670 L.F. of 6" D) Union - Lowell to Bridge 610 L.F. of 6" E) Reed – Kelley northerly 250 L.F. of 6" F) Farmer – Candia northerly 150 L.F. of 6" G) Cedar - Wilson to Belmont 660 L.F. of 6" H) Harriman – Sheridan northerly 300 L.F. of 6" I) Glenwood Ave. – Donahue easterly 300 L.F. of 6" J) Poor - Second to Hill 270 L.F. of 6" K) Old Granite 470 L.F. of 6" L) Rte. 3A – Brown Ave. southerly 1,500 L.F. of 16" M) Granite and Old Granite 300 L.F. of 6", 8"

## Ward#

## Cleaning & Lining distribution system (total linear feet, 9,090) (Bids to be opened April 11<sup>th</sup>)

(a) Kelley -Lafayette to Rimmon	2,400 L.F. of 6"
(b) Laval -Amory to Mason	1,670 L.F. of 6"
(c) Boutwell -Bremer to Mason	480 L.F. of 6"
(d) Alsace - Amory to Kelley	440 L.F. of 6"
(e) Montgomery – Amory to Bremer	1,200 L.F. of 6"
(f) Reed – Kelley to Mason	800 L.F. of 6"
(g) Youville – Kelley to Mason	1,400 L.F. of 6"
(h) Cartier – Amory to Kelley	700 L.F. of 6"

## **PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS**

## P&R PROJECTS - FY'07

## #10 Piscataguog

Trailway. Phase III

- This will involve continuation of the trail from S. Main St. to the West Side Ice Arena, continuing from where Phase II ends continuing west. This phase will be designed by VHB and awaits execution of the municipal agreement in October. We are working with the landowner and currently negotiating for an easement through the property. We have come to a verbal, non-formal agreement with Tires Inc. for an easement through their property. We hope to have the agreement drafted and made legal shortly. Final design underway - bids due March '07.

## #10 Piscataguog

River, East

- A new multi-purpose athletic field is to be constructed at the end of Douglas Street. The multi-use field will be a combination of football and lacrosse athletic fields. There is a need for this athletic complex to provide a new home for the Pop Warner team on the west side and additional space for PAL lacrosse. Bids for this project are due in February with construction expected in the Spring.

## #10 Piscataquog

River Park

Quirk Construction was low bidder for the repair of the Piscataguog River Park. This will restore the fields and trail to their pre-flooding condition. Work is over 50% complete. Anticipate completion in May.

## #11 Gossler/

Parkside

- Currently seeking professional design services to update and improve the site containing these two school facilities for possible construction in FY '08.

## Ward#

#9 Sullivan Family Park - Located off of Garfield Street behind the Fire Station on Calef Road. Create a passive park area in place of the tennis courts that will be removed and a playground adjacent to Garfield St. with some parking to better suit the needs of the neighborhood and deter illegal activities. Kaestle Boos Associates is in the design phase and construction is anticipated for early spring.

#2 Weston Observatory

Weston Tower Observatory restoration needed to save the tower from further deterioration that will inevitably end up destroying the landmark if not corrected. Major improvements will include restoration of the roof, repointing of the stone, restoration of the stairs and other improvments to include some brush clearing around the Tower. Architectural Services Contract to be signed by Kurt Lauer. Bid opening February 8<sup>th</sup> with construction to begin in the Spring.

#8 Crystal Lake -

The Crystal Lake Master Plan will assist the City to preserve Crystal Lake Park and the surrounding area in a manner consistent with the City's Master Plan and desired outcome of the people in the surrounding communities. We had our first Community meeting where the public had the opportunity to submit their comments. We will be having another Community meeting for additional comments and suggestions.

Implementation of phase one (funded in FY '07) to be implemented subsequent to completion of master plan. The draft plan has been submitted.

#2 Hillside School

 DuBois & King to update their original design for improvements/ expansion to existing athletic fields located to the west of the school.

#3 Valley Cemetery

- Continued work on the restoration of Valley Cemetery including the Pine Street Gate, Chapel, fence and update/replace miscellaneous Rehabilitation utilities as the "Friends of Valley Cemetery" allow.

#12 Black Brook Dam

- The Department is seeking funds in the amount of \$40,000 to begin the process of removal as voted on by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Dubois & King to assist us in the engineering, permitting and monitoring of the process. Forty percent (40%) of the anticipated costs will be in-kind services and the balance will come from a State Section 319 Grant from the N.H. Department of Environmental Services. They are working very closely and assisting us with this process. The Watershed Restoration Grant has been completed and has been submitted to the N.H. D.E.S.

#10 Bass Island CEI designed restoration on park site. FEMA is paying for work expected to resume this Spring.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROJECTS**

## **Construction Projects**

- #6 Candia Rd.
  - Dry Sewer
- Sewer construction "on hold" for the winter.
- **#5** Spruce St.
- Lincoln to Wilson Base pavement is down, foundations for lights are in, retaining walls complete by subcontractor.
- #3 Chestnut /Hanover Streets
- Sidewalks from Hanover St. to Manchester St. and Chestnut to Pine.

## **Reconstruction Projects**

#3/4	Union St.	-	Hanover to Bridge Street	2007
	Spruce St.	_	Wilson to Massabesic Street	2007
#5	Central St.	-	Lincoln to Wilson Street	2007
#4/5	Laurel St.	-	Lincoln to Wilson Street	2007
#5	Cedar St.	-	Wilson to Belmont Street	2007
#5	Belmont St.	••	Massabesic to Belmont Street	2007
#9	Murphy St.	-	Columbia Dr. to Devco Drive	Underway

#5/7 Jewett St.

- Young to Massabesic - Sewer replacement, Spring 2007.

## **Sidewalk Construction**

#5 S. Hanover

Woodland Street to Rand Street

## Reconstruct Sidewalks

#4 Maple Street

Concord Street to Lowell Street

#4 Lowell Street

- Maple Street to Haines Court

## **Environmental Protection Division**

## I. COHAS BROOK INTERCEPTOR PROJECT - PHASE II

- A. Contract 2: RD Edmunds was low bidder with a bid of \$2.88 million. Work is expected to begin this Spring. Proctor Road will be the only major road impacted.
- B. Contract 3: Design of the new Candia Road Pump Station and extension of sewer service through Massabesic Traffic Circle has started. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2007.
- C. Preparation of sewer master plan for the Cohas Brook laterals in ongoing. First contract will be the Lakeshore Drive/Minot Street/Hart Ave. area in 2008.

## Ward#

## II. COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW PROJECTS

- A) W. Bridge/Bremer/Lorraine Sts. Separation Project is shut down for the winter. This project is about 75% complete. Springtime work will focus on the Kelly St. area.
- B) Poor/Schiller St. Separation Project is shut down for the winter. This project is about 45% complete. Springtime work will focus on the Boynton St. and Second St. area.
- C) Crescent Road Separation This design has been completed. A utility coordination meeting was held in December. The bidding for this contract is scheduled for April 12, 2007.
- D) Nutts Pond SEPP Project Project is shut down for the winter. This site clearing, slope stabilization, and drainage project in the wetlands off of March Ave. and John Devine Drive is about 50% complete and will resume in the Spring.

## MANCHESTER AIRPORT

#8 Aerohex Hangars

 New hangars in the northeast area of the airport. Site work has begun by North Branch Construction, Inc. Project completion anticipated for Feb. '07.

#8 Runway 24 Safety Area Extsn. across S. Willow St.

 Design work has begun for multiple project associated with the extension of the Runway 24 Safety Area.
 Construction is slated for 2007.

#8 Sand Equipment Bid

- Project shut down for winter. Majority of work complete.

**#8** Summit Packaging #16 Ammon Rd.

- Work has been awarded to All-Ways Wrecking. Work is on-going.

#8 Meggit Avionics #10 Ammon Rd. Work has been awarded to All-Ways Wrecking. Work is on-going.

#8 FAA Existing ATCT

#8 Ammon Rd. - Work is substantially complete.

## **KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY**

## State of NH-D.O.T.

a) Candia Rd. - 193 to Proctor Road New main installation is complete except for

building connections. This work will be coordinated

with Audley in the Spring.

## **PSNH**

#11 CMC

- Line crews in McGregor, Putnam, Foundry streets are

almost done.

Fiber

#5/7/8 Elliot Hospital - Communications upgrade requiring work on 200 poles on

Huse Rd., Mammoth Rd. and So. Willow.

### MANCHESTER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

#### **VERIZON**

#3 Pine St. Coordinating with EPD/CDM on Pine St. Sewer Project with

test pits next week.

#11 Foundry St.

Moving wires onto new poles so poles can be removed and

Foundry St. widened for CMC Medical Office building.

**NEXT MEETING:** 

The next MUCC meeting has been scheduled for

Wednesday, March 21st 2007 at 10: 00 AM in the Conference Room, second floor, at the Manchester

Water Works.

## Attended Contact List

Х	Ms. Janet Kelliher	PSNH Building Doort	882-5894 X5230
	Mr. Karl Franck	Building Dept.	624-6475
Х	Mr. Jay Davini	Manchester Highway Dept.	624-6444
Х	Mr. Guy Chabot	Manchester Water Works	624-6494
Х	Mr. Chris Blue	Fire Department	669-2256
Χ	Mr. Mike Venti	Airport Authority	624-6539 X520
	Mr. Jody Rivard	Manchester Fire Dept.	669-2256
	Mr. Chuck Deprima	Parks & Recreation Dept.	624-6565 X315
Χ	Mr. Terry Harlacher	Planning Department	624-6450
Χ	Ms. Betty Hackett	Verizon	645-2713
	Mr. Paul Shea	Keyspan	231-4970
	Mr. Mike Jolin	MHRA	624-2111
	Mr. Jim Hoben	Traffic Department	624-6580
	Mr. Alan Poulios	Keyspan	231-6415
X	Mr. Wayne Wallace	Verizon	645-2701
	Mr. John Williams	Fire Department	669-2256
Χ	Mr. John O'Rourke	Parks/Recreation/Cemetery	624-6565
Χ	Mr. Fred McNeill	EPD	624-6341
	Mr. Dennis Anctil	Manchester Highway Dept.	624-6444
X	Mr. Jim Mason	Manchester Traffic Dept.	624-6580

NOTE: NEW projects for the month will be italicized/bold printed.



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## Manchester Employees' Contributory Retirement System Special Report on Retiree Cost of Living Adjustments February 14, 2007

### Introduction

The purpose of this Special Report is to provide the Board of Mayor & Alderman of the City of Manchester with information on the awarding of Cost of Living Adjustments ("COLAs") to retirees of the Retirement System. The Board of Trustees of the Manchester Employees' Contributory Retirement System understands that the Board of Mayor & Alderman have raised concerns about the cost of COLAs. The magnitude and duration of the obligation which is created each time a COLA is granted can vary and may not be well understood. In order to better understand the financial implications of COLAs, it is equally important to understand the City's financial obligation to the Retirement System as a whole.

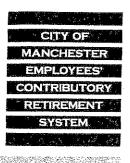
## Understanding the City's Overall Retirement System Obligation

In public retirement plans such as the Retirement System, a member contributes a percentage of his or her pay to obtain "service credit" for the time period contributed and to establish an "earnings history". In simple terms, when members become eligible to retire, a combination of service credit, earnings history, and age at retirement determine the amount of their annual retirement benefit. For each dollar in contributions made by the member, the City also contributes an amount. The amount contributed by the member is fixed by law and is directly related to the benefit guarantees of the enabling legislation which created the Retirement System. The amount which the City must contribute is variable and is influenced by many factors which are constantly recorded and taken into consideration by an actuary whose job it is to calculate the City contribution rate needed to maintain the long term solvency of the Plan.

The funds contributed by both the members and the City are invested by the Retirement System with the objectives of maximizing investment gain while minimizing investment risk. Complex investment strategies underlie the investment process and an "earnings assumption" which is part of the strategy has a direct influence on the City contribution.

The City contribution rate is the stabilizer which ensures that the Retirement System remains viable. An understanding of this obligation is imperative to understanding the true impact of COLA costs on the City. In theory, (however unrealistic) a plan with ultra conservative benefits, favorable plan demographics, and extraordinary investment returns could cost the City nothing. In reality, plan amendments, societal changes, and unfavorable demographics coupled with inevitable investment fluctuations can and do result in increased costs for the City. Lastly, it is important to keep in mind that the Retirement System's





actuarial assumptions include the phased in recognition of a 2% compound annual COLA being funded in ½% increments over a four year period. This assumption was added in 2005 in recognition of the fact that COLAs are statutorily required and that past practice has been to award COLAs averaging approximately 3% annually since the Plan began. In order to fund this assumption, the COLA phase in began affecting contributions made after July 1, 2005.

## How Earnings, Plan Changes and COLAs Impact City Costs

Any time that a fundamental plan provision is changed, the cost to the City will change. As an example, if the Retirement System was fully funded and had all of the money it needed in hand to meet its future obligations, the City's contribution rate would be negligible. This is not simply a hypothetical case because only decades ago, many plans were well funded and the much lower funding obligations to employers at that time are testimony to such conditions.

When an otherwise fully funded plan elects to amend a plan provision, (such as reducing the normal retirement age as was done in Manchester in 1999) the funded status of the plan is reduced because the same promised benefit based upon service, average contributions and age is now payable sooner and for a longer period. Since contributions and earnings have not been accruing over the career lifetime of employees, the magnitude of the funding shortfall must be made up over an actuarially reasonable period of time, (anywhere up to thirty years) and since the employee is no longer contributing toward the benefit, only the City is left to make up the difference.

As the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is aware, the City contribution rate increased from 8.72% to 12.04% beginning July 1, 2006. Attachment 1 to the report is Page A-7 of the valuation which sets forth the contribution rate reconciliation. As shown on Page A-7, there were a number of factors that increased the rate in addition to the COLA. There were two cost items relating to COLA. The first was the additional phase in for COLA prefunding. The other was the increase attributable to the fact the 3% COLA was larger than the pre-funded 1%. In total the two COLA items were responsible for only 1.12% of the 3.32% increase in the City contribution rate.

Mindful of the example above where a benefit amount paid to a retiree for the rest of their lives has a cost impact on the contribution rate, it should become easier to understand why COLAs affect the City's obligation. In a plan that is less than 100% funded, even if investment return exceeds the expected rate, the cost of a COLA would still be born by the employer because if not used to fund a COLA, an extraordinary investment return would otherwise reduce the employer's funding obligation as the Plan moved toward full funding. Only when a Plan is over-funded, where no accrued liability is in the process of being

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The MECRS was 77% funded as of December 31, 2005.



amortized, and where investment returns significantly exceed expectations might a COLA granted from such excess returns have a zero impact on the employer.

## History of the Retirement System COLA Provision

When the Manchester Employees' Contributory Retirement System was created in 1974, emphasis was placed on the preservation of the retirees' purchasing power. High interest and inflation rates common in those times help one to understand why that might have been the case. Approximately two thirds of the state laws governing public retirement systems provide for automatic COLAs. Those that do not, provide that COLAs may be granted. These state laws, such as for the Retirement System are called ad hoc COLAs.

The legislation which created the Retirement System in 1974 included a requirement that periodic adjustments be made to a retiree's benefit amount in order to "maintain financial parity". Chapter 218:20 requires the Trustees to "offset the impact of inflation in reducing the real income of the member's retirement payments" but it left unclear the important questions as to how inflationary effects were to be measured and exactly when COLA awards were to be deemed affordable. For many years the Retirement System used a variety of approaches to determine whether COLAs were required to be granted and the amount of the COLA. As stated above, over the thirty year history of the Plan, the average annualized COLA has been approximately 3%.

#### How COLAs are Granted Under Administrative Rule 7

In 2003, the Retirement System promulgated Part 7 of its Administrative Rules to provide structure to the COLA award process. Rule 7 establishes a standard for the measurement of inflation so that the degree to which "financial parity" had been compromised could be identified, and sets forth tests to determine whether sufficient funds are available for the Board of Trustees to grant a COLA pursuant to Chapter 218:20. Conversely, the Rule also provides guidance so the Trustees will know that, despite inflationary pressures, they could not justify awarding a COLA because of disappointing earnings and/or a compromised funding ratio. The Rule identified circumstances when the Board of Trustees could petition the Board of Mayor & Aldermen to raise and appropriate funds for a COLA if there was an inflationary situation but the Trustees could not take unilateral action to award the COLA from Retirement System assets.

Under Rule 7, it is contemplated that the Trustees will determine each year whether inflation dictates that a COLA should be considered. The Board uses statistics obtained from the U.S. Department of Labor to determine the magnitude of inflation and applies those values in keeping with a detailed formula contained within Rule 7. If there has been inflation, under the Rule 7, the Board of Trustees is free to award a COLA as long as the earnings





assumption of 7.5% for a Plan year have been exceeded for the three most recent consecutive years. In theory, since the earnings are greater than the assumption, any excesses reduce cost increases to the City. It should be noted that the prefunding of the 2% COLA has no impact on whether a COLA will or will not be awarded and the amount of any COLA that is granted.

Since each Trustee is afforded one vote and since the composition of the Board consists of three elected Trustees, two appointed Trustees and two Ex-Officio Trustees, (one voting and one voting only to break tie votes), elected Trustees might be thought to act in the interests of the members while those in appointed or Ex-Officio positions might be expected to act in the interest of lower costs for the City in order to mitigate taxes. Were such the case, the Mayor with his tie breaking vote would determine if a COLA was to be granted each time the question arose.

In reality however, there is little evidence that such divisions exist. Certainly over the years debates have occurred concerning the statutory obligation to "maintain financial parity" and the adverse political effect of escalating obligations and the potentially detrimental result which excessive rates might inflict upon the Retirement System. However, much to the credit of the Trustees, the best overall interests of the Retirement System have prevailed.

## **Further Action**

It is natural for the Board of Mayor & Alderman to have concerns about the financial implications associated with COLAs. It is equally important for the Board of Mayor & Alderman to understand that City costs are still given to change even without any COLAs and to understand what drives those cost changes. The Board of Trustees believe that these issues need to be better understood and have directed that this report be written to help set the groundwork for better understanding by the various stakeholders. The Board of Trustees is willing to provide the Board of Mayor and Aldermen with any additional information that it may need to further its understanding of these issues.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerard E. Fleury - Executive Director

# CITY'S COMPUTED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006

Contributions
Expressed as % of

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Contributions For	<b>Active Member Payroll</b>
Total Normal Cost	10.51%
Member Contributions (weighted average)	3.75%
Employer Normal Cost	6.76%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities*	3.87%
<b>Employer Pension Total #</b>	10.63%
Health Contribution**	1.41%
Employer Total	12.04%
Valuation Payroll	\$47,233,321
Estimated Contribution Dollars	5,914,367

Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities were financed as a level percent of payroll over a period of 28 years.

\*\* Based on supplemental valuation dated March 16, 2006.

**Note:** If a 4.5% ad-hoc COLA is adopted this year, the employer contribution rate would increase to 10.91% of payroll. For each 1% ad-hoc COLA increase, the UAAL will increase by approximately \$545,000 and the employer contribution rate will increase by approximately 0.06% (based on current payroll and a 28-year amortization period). In developing these costs for the ad-hoc COLA increase, it was assumed that the increase would be a one-time permanent increase to all members retired as of 12/31/2005 and the additional liability would be amortized over 28 years. It was also assumed that the increase would be effective on 1/1/2006.

Contribution Rate Reconciliation	% of Payroll				
Last Year's Rate	8.72%				
Normal Cost Change	0.31				
Miscellaneous Changes in Group Demographics	(0.08)				
Employer Portion of SB 402 Purchases	0.14				
COLA (portion above the assumption)	0.15				
Experience Loss	0.42				
Rate (before adjusting for phase-in of COLA assumption)	9.66%				
Additional 1/4 phase-in	0.97				
This Year's Rate	10.63%				
401(h) Contribution (for post-retirment health)**	1.41				
This Year's Rate	12.04%				

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on supplemental valuation dated March 16, 2006.

<sup>#</sup> The accrued contribution from 1/1/2004 through 6/30/2004 for the City, adjusted with interest, is 4.70% of applicable payroll and is in addition to the amounts shown above.

The Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration respectfully advises, after due and careful consideration, that it has accepted the City's Monthly Financial Statements (unaudited) for the seven months ended January 31, 2007 for FY2007 and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

(Note: available for viewing at the Office of the City Clerk and previously forwarded to the Mayor and Aldermen.)

(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Thibault who was absent.)

Respectfully submitted,

Lel Berner



The Committee on Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration respectfully advises, after due and careful consideration, that it has accepted the following Finance Department reports:

- a) department legend;
- b) open invoice report over 90 days by fund;
- c) open invoice report all invoices for interdepartmental billings only;
- d) open invoice report all invoices due from the School Department only;
- e) listing of invoices submitted to City Solicitor for legal determination; and
- f) accounts receivable summary.

and is forwarding same to the Board for informational purposes.

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(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman Thibault who was absent.)

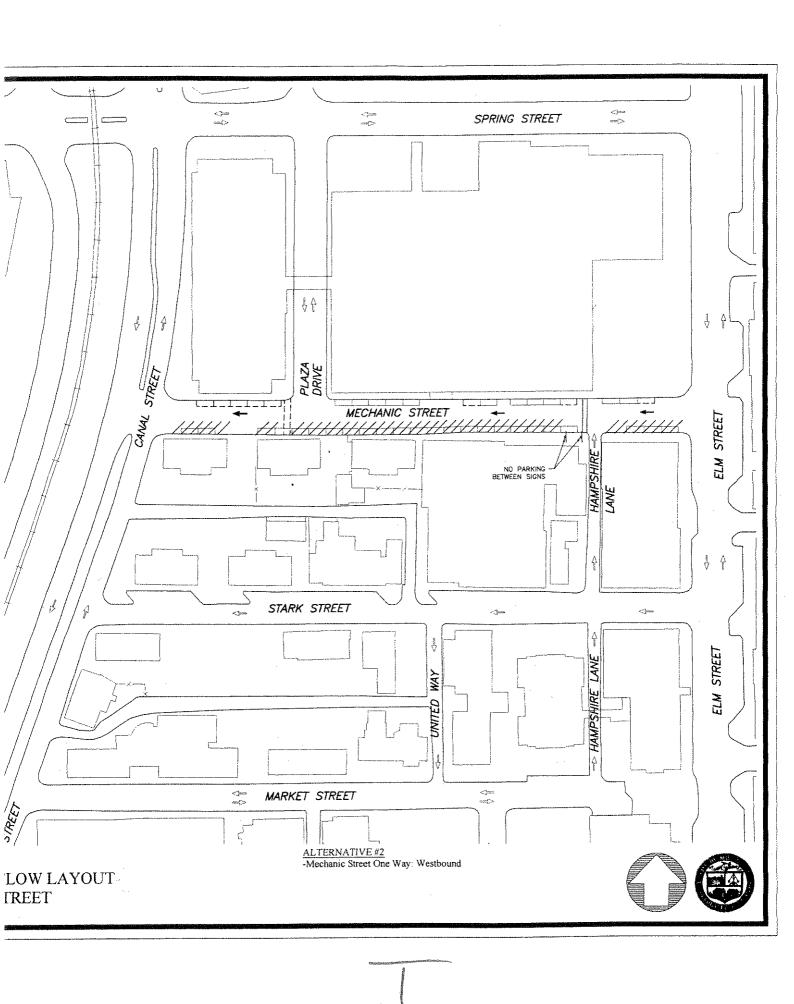
Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Public Safety and Traffic respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that a proposal to provide angled parking on Mechanic Street at a cost of approximately \$3,200 in striping and related equipment set up be approved. The Committee notes that 27 additional spaces will be created through this action.

(Unanimous vote.)

Respectfully submitted,

Sel Berne.



The Committee on Public Safety and Traffic respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the following regulations governing standing, stopping, and parking and operation of vehicles, be adopted pursuant to Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester and put into effect when duly advertised and the districts affected thereby duly posted as required by the provisions of that Chapter and Chapter 335 of the Sessions Laws of 1951.

## Section 70.36 Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited

## **Rescind Stop Signs:**

- On Lincoln Street at Lake Avenue, southwest and northeast corners, back-ups (no ordinance number assigned)
- On Lincoln Street at Spruce Street, southwest and northeast corners, back-ups (ORD. 1023)
- On Wilson Street at Lake Avenue, northeast corner, back-up (no ordinance number assigned)
- On Wilson Street at Spruce Street, southwest and northeast corners, back-ups (ORD. 1559)

## **Rescind 15 Minute Parking:**

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 75 feet east of Maple Street to a point 20 feet easterly(ORD. 3250)

## Rescind No Parking Loading Zone:

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 95 feet east of Maple Street to a point 30 feet easterly (ORD. 3251)

## **Rescind No Parking Anytime:**

On Lowell Street, north side, from Jane Street to a point 60 feet easterly (ORD. 8138)

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## No Parking Anytime:

On Lowell Street, north side, from Maple Street to a point 65 feet east
On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 95 feet east of Maple Street to Malvern
Street.

On Almond Street, north side, from Boynton Street to a point 100 feet east

## No Parking Loading Zone:

On Lowell Street, north side, from a point 65 feet east of Maple Street to a point 30 feet easterly

## Rescind No Parking 7 PM - 6 AM - 7 Days:

On Grove Street, both sides, from Elm Street to Willow Street (ORD. 9008)

## **Rescind No Parking Anytime:**

On Grove Street, north side, from Elm Street to Willow Street (ORD.8955) On Grove Street, south side, from Elm Street to Willow Street (ORD. 8956)

## **REPEALING PROVISIONS**

That all rules and regulations now in effect in accordance with the provisions of an Ordinance "Chapter 70 Motor Vehicles and Traffic" as adopted August 6, 2002, with subsequent amendments thereto and inconsistent with the traffic rules and regulations herein adopted be repealed.

(Unanimous vote.)

Respectfully submitted,

A Premier

The Committee on Public Safety and Traffic respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that:

a request for the painting of shamrocks at the intersections of Elm & Pleasant Streets and Elm & Hanover Streets

for the St. Patrick's Day Parade scheduled for March 18, 2007, be granted and approved under the direct supervision of the Manchester Police Department and the Traffic Division of the Highway Department.

Respectfully submitted,





## To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester:

The Committee on Public Safety and Traffic respectfully advises, after due and careful consideration, that it has approved the use of Arms Park by B5ONE on Saturday, June 10, 2007 from 9 AM till 4 PM for their annual Treffen der Hamster event.

(Unanimous vote.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Committee



February 2, 2007

City of Manchester Office of the City Clerk One <u>City Hall</u> Plaza Manchester, NH 03101

To Whom It May Concern:

My organization, www.b5one.com, is once again planning our annual event, Treffen der Hamster, and so I am again requesting use of the Arms Park parking lot. We would like to schedule our event for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm.

Our event is an annual VW and Audi car show, and we anticipate approximately 125 show vehicles this year and approximately 200 attendees to the event. We will once again have some sponsors on site including Volkswagen of America, and some local dealerships. Additionally, we will be including at least one food vendor from which attendees will be able to purchase lunch and a soda.

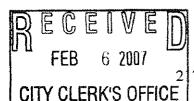
Our event last year was a great success in helping us raise money for our UNITE program and we hope to have an even bigger success this year.

Thank you for considering my application to use the Arms Park lot for this event. I know that this request must pass through the committee, so I look forward to hearing back from you after the committee has had an opportunity to review. More information regarding our event can also be found at <a href="https://www.treffenderhamster.org">www.treffenderhamster.org</a>. I can be contacted at 603 396-0212, <a href="mailto:treffenderhamster@gmail.com">treffenderhamster@gmail.com</a>, or 217 Long Pond Brook Way, Manchester, NH 03109.

**Best Regards** 

Michael Egan

VP - B50NE



## To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester:

The Committee on Public Safety and Traffic respectfully advises, after due and careful consideration, that it has approved that any future requests for use of parking lots be referred to the Parking Manager for purposes of coordination with other departments with subsequent referral to this Committee for final approval.

(Unanimous vote.)

Respectfully submitted,



#### Legislative Update – March 6, 2007

The following bills are being tracked by the Mayor's Office and city departments as of **Tuesday**, March 6, 2007.

#### Bills the Mayor's Office SUPPORTS:

**HB** 340 – restricting sex offenders from residing within a certain distance from schools and child-oriented organizations

SB 176 – relative to lead paint poisoning and establishing a commission to study the current childhood lead poisoning prevention law, policies, and standards.

#### Bills the Mayor's Office and Board of Mayor and Aldermen SUPPORT:

SB 35 – making an appropriation for disaster relief assistance in response to the May 2006 floods and establishing a committee to study the distribution of financial disaster assistance (Passed Senate)

SB 37 – relative to accidental death benefit payments in the city of Manchester employees' contributory retirement system. (Passed Senate)

#### Bills the Mayor's Office OPPOSES:

HB 92 – decriminalizing marijuana

HB 143 - relative to the apportionment of damages in civil actions (Passed House)#

HB 201 – relative to recycling and reconstituting the recycling market development steering committee (Retained in Committee)\*

HB 376 - distributing certain meals and rooms tax revenues to the fish and game fund

(Committee Report: ITL 15-2. House Vote: March 6)
HB 404 – prohibiting state and local law enforcement agencies from enforcing federal immigration laws

HB 503 – relative to establishing a solid waste management fund and assessing a surcharge for the disposal of solid waste (Retained in Committee)\*

HB 540 – relative to solid waste reduction, establishing a solid waste disposal fee, and renaming the recycling market development steering committee (Retained in Committee)\*

HB 925 – relative to state and local taxes

#### Bills the Mayor's Office is TRACKING and may have an opinion about at a later date:

HB 89 – establishing a committee to study dispute resolution between local political subdivisions and public employees in New Hampshire (Passed House w/Amendment) (Note: Amendment essentially guts bill and creates a study committee on dispute resolution)

HB 315 – relative to criminal background checks of municipal employees through the New Hampshire State Police

HB 319 - relative to wetlands mitigation

HB 321 – relative to river protection and restoration

HB 331 – relative to the withholding of building permits in certain cases

HB 341 – establishing a study committee to review current laws and rules enforced by the liquor commission (Committee Report: ITL 17-0. House Vote: March 6)

HB 346 – establishing a defined contribution retirement option in the New Hampshire retirement system



<sup>\*</sup> Opposed by Highway Department

<sup>#</sup> Opposed by Police Department and Risk Manager

HB 384 – relative to repealing the authority of the department of environmental services regarding sludge and biosolids and establishing a committee to study new sludge legislation HB 912 – establishing the New Hampshire homestead plan (Retained in Committee)

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS SUPPORT

#### Assessor's Office

SB 85 – relative to eligibility for the property tax exemption for the disabled

#### City Clerk's Office

HB 152 – relative to public access to meeting minutes

SB 54 – allowing municipalities to increase dog licensing fees (if amended) (Senate Passed w/Amendment)

SB 118 – increasing fines for certain dog violations (Committee Report: OTP)

#### **Economic Development Office**

SB 137 – removing the prospective repeal of community reinvestment and opportunity zones (CROP zones) (Committee Report: OTP; Referred to Finance)

#### **Health Department**

SB 176 – relative to lead paint poisoning and establishing a commission to study the current childhood lead poisoning prevention law, policies, and standards.

#### **Information Systems**

HB 629 – relative to authorizing continued membership in the Manchester employees' contributory retirement system

#### Manchester Water Works

HB 258 – making an appropriation to the department of safety, bureau of emergency management, to fund a grant to the town of Goffstown for installation of sewer and water systems in areas damaged by flooding in May 2006

**HB 383** – relative to waterfront buffer and woodland buffer requirements in the comprehensive shoreland protection act

#### Tax Collector's Office

HB 448 – relative to early renewals of vehicle registrations

#### **DEPARTMENT HEADS OPPOSE**

#### City Clerk's Office

HB 141 – giving voters the option of bypassing voting machines

HB 192 – requiring vote counting by election officials at polling places using vote counting machines

HB 243 – relative to a rabies immunization exemption

SB 98 – relative to determining qualifications of voters

#### **Highway Department**

HB 123 – relative to the time required between mandatory shifts or other work periods



HB 201 – relative to recycling and reconstituting the recycling market development steering committee (Retained in Committee) ^

HB 503 – relative to establishing a solid waste management fund and assessing a surcharge for the disposal of solid waste (Retained in Committee) ^

HB 540 – relative to solid waste reduction, establishing a solid waste disposal fee, and renaming the recycling market development steering committee (Retained in Committee) ^

#### Police Department and Risk Manager

HB 143 – relative to the apportionment of damages in civil actions (Passed House) ^

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS TRACKING

#### Assessor's Office

HB 70 – Including nonresident property owners who are veterans and at least 65 years of age in the persons qualified to receive the veterans property tax credit (ITL House – Final)

HB 262 – allowing municipalities to exclude certain retirement assets from consideration in qualifying for the elderly property tax exemption

SB 96 – extending the veterans' property tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans (Committee Report: ITL; Move to Recommit)

#### City Clerk's Office

HB 120 – relative to extending polling hours (Committee Report: OTP 14-1; House Vote: March 6)

HB 133 – relative to voter registration forms

HB 136 – relative to approval of voting machines (Committee Report: ITL 13-4; House Vote: March 6)

HB 196 – relative to changes of party registration on primary day

HB 465 – relative to marking ballots cast at elections

#### Fire Department

HB 139 – requiring the reporting of burn injuries

HB 155 – relative to membership of the state building code review board hours (Committee

Report: OTP 14-1 w/Amendment; House Vote: March 6)

#### Manchester Water Works

HB 76 – creating an environmental policy for New Hampshire (Retained in Committee)

HB 234 – establishing a committee to study state environmental laboratory fees and services

HB 252 - relative to exemptions from the permitting process for excavating and dredging

HB 321 – relative to river protection and restoration

HB 354 – establishing a committee to study the feasibility of establishing ecological consumption taxes as a source of revenue for the state machines (Committee Report: ITL 16-0;

#### House Vote: March 6)

HB 393 – relative to information filed by utilities paying the utility property tax

HB 457 – allowing municipalities to restrict lawn watering during declared droughts

HB 460 – relative to conservation restrictions to protect public water supplies

#### Parking

**HB** 557 – relative to free parking in designated handicapped zones.



## City of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and

### AN ORDINANCE

Amending the penalties for certain Code Sections listed in 38.06 Penalties and providing for a penalty for failure to pay within 7 days.

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Manchester,

as follows:

Amending 38.06(A) Citation Penalties by imposing the listed penalties for following Code Sections:

	Code Section	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
	91.64	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.65	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.66	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.67	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.69	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.71	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.73	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	91.74	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500,00
	91.75	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	150.023	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
,	150.060	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	150.061	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	150.062	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	150.063	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
	150.064	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$500.00

Amending 38.06(A) Citation Penalties by adding the following language:

If any penalty set forth in 38.06(A) is not paid within 7 days of the date of the citation was issued the penalty shall be twice the amount set forth in 38.06(A) up to a maximum of \$1,000.

## To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester:

The Committee on Bills on Second Reading respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the B-2 (General Business) zoning district to include property currently zoned IND (Industrial) located on the south side of Gold Street east of the former Lawrence Branch of the B&M Railroad and including the following three lots Tax Map 875-14, 875-15, 875-16.

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Garrity, and Pinard recorded in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed)

IN BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: September 5, 2006

ON MOTION OF ALD. Garrity

SECONDED BY ALD. Smith

Clerk of Committee

Respectfully submitted,

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## Tity of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and Six

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BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester, as follows:

SECTION 1. "Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the B-2 (General Business) zoning district to include property currently zoned IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) located on Gold Street including Tax Map 875, Lots 14, 15, and 16, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the centerline of the intersection of Gold Street and John E. Devine Drive extended, said point being on the zone boundary line of the B-2 (General Business) zone district and the IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) zone district, prior to this amendment;

Thence, easterly along the centerline of Gold Street, also being the zone boundary line between the B-2 (General Business) zone district and the IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) zone district, prior to this amendment, approximately 965 ft. to a point;

Thence, southerly along the zone boundary line of the B-2 (General Business) zone district and the IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) zone district, prior to this amendment, a distance of approximately 570 ft. to a point;

Thence, southwesterly along the zone boundary line of the B-2 (General Business) zone district and the IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) zone district, prior to this amendment, a distance of approximately 1,075 ft. to a point;

Thence, northwesterly generally along the centerline of the former Lawrence Branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad, a distance of approximately 1,090 ft. to a point, said point being the zone boundary line of the R-1B (Residential One-Family) zone district and the IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) zone district, prior to this amendment;

Thence, easterly along the centerline of Gold Street, also being the new zone boundary line between the B-2 (General Business) zone district and the IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) zone district, after this amendment, a distance of approximately 515 ft. to a point, said point also being the point of beginning.

Said description to include TM 875, Lot 14, Lot 15, and Lot 16 consisting of approximately 19.43 acres of private land, to be rezoned from IND (General Industrial/Industrial Park) to B-2 (General Business) zone district, after this amendment.

SECTION II. Resolve this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.





ATTORNEYS AT LAW

By Hand Delivery

SUSAN V. DUPREY 603.695.8505 SDUPREY@DEVINEMILLIMET.COM

June 19, 2006

Office of the City Clerk One City Hall Manchester, NH 03101-2097

RE: GFI Gold

GFI Gold Street, LLC - Petition for Rezoning

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a Petition for rezoning parcels Map 875, Lot 15 and Map 875, Lot 16. Also enclosed is our check in the amount \$300.00. Our office represents GFI, which requests this rezoning.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter or if additional information is required. Thank you.

Very truly yours.

Susan V. Duprey

SVD:ml

Enclosures

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July 11, 2006.

In Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

On motion of Alderman Garrity, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to refer the petition for rezoning to a Public Hearing on Monday, August 7, 2006 at 6 PM in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall and further to authorize execution of agreements enclosed subject to the review and approval of the City Solicitor.

City Clerk

## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CITY OF MANCHESTER

#### GFI GOLD STREET, LLC

#### PETITION FOR REZONING

NOW COMES the Petitioner, GFI Gold Street, LLC, by and through its attorneys, Devine, Millimet & Branch, Professional Association, and petitions the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester, in accordance with Article 16 of the City of Manchester Zoning Ordinance, to change the zone of and amend the Zoning Map regarding 2 parcels of land, one of which is located at 725 Gold Street and the other of which is near Gold Street, County of Hillsborough, City of Manchester and identified as Map 875 Lot 15 and Map 875 Lot 16 in the tax records for the City of Manchester. In support thereof, Petitioner states as follows:

- GFI Gold Street, LLC is the owner of record of that parcel of land located at 725
   Street and identified as Map 875 Lot 15 in the tax records of the City of Manchester (Property 1).
   Property 1 is approximately 15.178 acres in size and was formerly the site of Associated
   Grocers which has since relocated. Property 1 is currently zoned Industrial.
- 2. Ashkars Children's Limited Liability Company and John N. Ashkars own a parcel near Gold Street which has no building situate on it and abuts Property 1 which land is identified as Map 875 Lot 16 in the tax records of the City of Manchester ("Property 2"). Property 2 is approximately 36,864 square feet in size and is also zoned Industrial. Property 2 is subject to a purchase agreement in favor of GFI Gold Street, LLC.
- 3. The Petitioner, GFI Gold Street, LLC, for itself as owner of Property 1 and as agent for the owners of Property 2, seeks to change the zoning classification of Property 1 and Property 2 from Industrial to B-2 in order to locate a retailer on Property 1 and Property 2.
- 4. A copy of the tax map showing Property 1 and Property 2 as situated in the Industrial Zone and the zoning designations for the surrounding properties is attached is Exhibit A.
- 5. It is believed that the change of zone will have little impact on the surrounding area in that much of the surrounding area was either zoned B-2, has been rezoned from



Industrial to B-2 or variances have been granted to allow uses permitted in the B-2 zone.

Changing the zone to B-2 will reduce heavy truck traffic in the area as Property 1 is now used

as a 24 hour per day trucking terminal. Plans are being prepared to help address and to

generally improve conditions on Gold Street.

6. This proposed change will have a substantial positive tax revenue impact for the

City of Manchester and will have no effect on the environment as Property 1 is already

developed for an industrial use. There will be no impact on municipal services or facilities.

7. The names, addresses, tax map numbers and lot numbers of all abutting

property owners and all properties on the opposite side of the street from Property 1 and Property

2 are attached as Exhibit B.

8. A metes and bounds description of Property 1 and Property 2 is attached as

Exhibit C.

9. The Petitioner respectfully requests that the Honorable Board of Mayor and

Aldermen approve this request to change the zone for Property 1 and Property 2 from Industrial

to B-2 and to amend the Zoning Map to reflect this change.

Respectfully submitted,

GFI Gold Street, LLC

By its Attorneys,

Devine Millimet & Branch, Professional Association

Susan V. Duprey

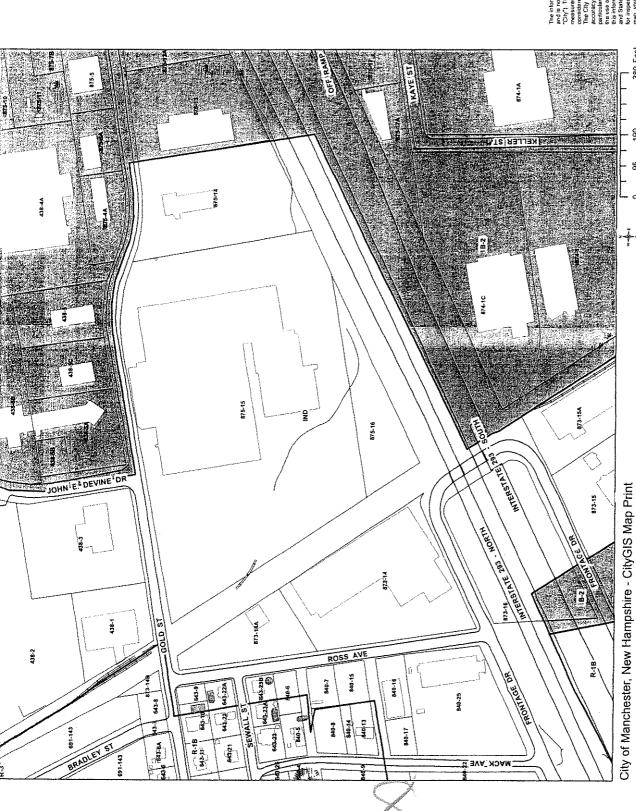
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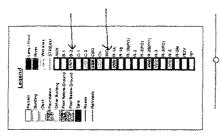
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Dated: June 19, 2006





Area Map Showing Exfert Of Map At Le



DISCLAMER

The information appearing on this map is for the convenience of the user and is not an official public record of the City of Machinester. (HI (Fig. City.) This reads is not survey-quality. All boundaries, leasurements, and the convenience of the user presencements; dyfact every else, special public reagon only be considered approximations, and as such have no official or legal value. The City makes no warmines, a copressor of implies, concerning the occuracy, compliereness, reliability, or suitability, of this information for any particular use. The City assumes no malality what some reasociated with the uses or misuse of this information. The official public records from which this information was concluded any earlier in the "direct of various city. Count, and State government apencies and departments, and are a "Jabble from many variances in these forms and conditiones from the purpose."

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#### Exhibit C

#### Legal Description for Lot 875-15, located at 725 Gold Street, Manchester:

A certain tract or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in Manchester, Hillsborough County, State of New Hampshire, being Lot 875-15 on Plan #\_\_\_\_\_\_, entitled "ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey, 725 Gold Street in Manchester, New Hampshire (Hillsborough County), dated December 22, 2005, prepared by BSC Group, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly corner of the Lot on the southerly line of Gold Street; thence

- 1. South 9° 17' 43" East, a distance of 80.15 feet to a concrete bound found; thence
- 2. South 09° 76' 53" East, a distance of 488.15 feet by the westerly side of Lot 875-14; to a an iron pipe at the southeasterly corner of the lot; thence
- 3. South 64° 53' 52" West, a distance of 310.73 feet by the northerly line of the Interstate Highway 293 to an iron pipe; thence
- 4. South 82° 28' 33" West, a distance of 517.33 feet by the northerly line of Lot 875-16 to an iron pipe at the southeasterly corner of the premises; thence
- 5. North 32° 51' 25" West, a distance of 21.90 feet to an iron pipe; thence
- 6. North 08° 01' 16" West, a distance of 19.62 feet to an iron pipe; thence
- 7. North 32° 51' 25" West, a distance of 714.62 feet by the easterly side of the rail road tracks to an iron pipe at the northwest corner of the premises on the southerly line of Gold Street; thence
- 8. North 80° 33' 28" East, a distance of 305.63 feet by the southerly line of Gold Street to an iron pipe; thence
- 9. North 80° 16' 28" East, a distance of 586. 18 feet by the southerly line of Gold Street to an iron pipe; thence
- 10. Curving in a southeasterly direction with a radius of 399.80 feet, along the southerly line of Gold Street, a distance of 230.44 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 15.178 Acres, more or less.



### Legal Description for Lot 875-16, located on Gold Street, Manchester:

A certain Tract or parcel of land, situated in Manchester, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southwest corner of the premises north of the Interstate Highway 293, thence

- 1. North 32° 51' 25" West along said Manchester-Lawrence Railroad for a distance of 157.68 feet, more or less to an iron post set at land of Associated Grocers; thence
- 2. South 82° 28' East for a distance of 517.33 feet, more or less to the interstate Highway 293; thence
- 3. South 64° 53' 52" West for a distance of 471.90, along said Interstate Highway 293 to the point of beginning.

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RECEIVED MANCHESTER CITY CLERK

Ashkar Children's Trust Limited Liability Company Mrs. Georgette Ashkar, Managing Member 6160 East Quincy Avenue Cherry Hills Village, CO 80111 (303) 796-8128 Mr. John Ashkar 29 Fairmount Drive UN 20 P12:21 Dambury, CT 06811 (203) 792-4963

June 19, 2006

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester One City Hall Manchester, NH 03101-2097

Re: Authorization to Pursue Rezoning

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, being the owners of the real property sometimes referred to as Map 875, Lot 16, located near Gold Street in Manchester, New Flampshire, hereby grant our authority to GFI Gold Street, LLC, to take any and all actions required or deemed necessary to re-zone the property from "Industrial" to "B 2".

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you have any questions please contact our counsel, Susan Perkins of Perkins Ruschena, LLC, at (303) 779-8100.

Sincerely,

Ashkar Children's Trust Limited Liability Company

By: Georgette Ashkar, Managing Member

Bv. Jøhn Ashkar





### CITY OF MANCHESTER

#### **Planning and Community Development**

Planning Community Improvement Program Growth Management



Staff to:
Planning Board
Heritage Commision
Millyard Design Review Committee

June 28, 2006

Mr. Leo Bernier, City Clerk City of Manchester One City Hall Plaza Manchester, NH 03101

Re:

Technical Review, Rezoning Petition - Gold Street

Dear Mr. Bernier:

In accordance with the procedures on rezoning requests, the following information is being provided to your office in consideration of a rezoning request filed by the owner of one property and agent for a second property on Gold Street (including two lots: Lot 875-15 and 875-16). The subject parcels are located on the south side of Gold Street east of the former Lawrence Rail Branch. The first property is 15.2 acres currently containing the Associated Grocers Building and the second is .85 acres in size that is vacant. The subject properties are currently zoned *Industrial (IND)*. The applicant is requesting that the zoning district be changed to General Business (*B-2*).

Presently, while the parcels are adjacent to a B-2 on one side, the rezoning action would create one parcel that would be zoned IND and surrounded by B-2. As this could be considered spot zoning, we would recommend that the parcel at 835 Gold Street (Lot 875-14; 3.42 acres) also be considered by the Board for rezoning from IND to B-2. In the 1993 Master Plan for the City of Manchester, this area was identified as Industrial land use although the plan also recognized that extension of the business zone into areas of industrial zone was likely and that certain precautions should be taken. The key precaution from the Master Plan as it relates to this rezoning request states "...the proposed district should be evaluated to insure that possible projects will not encourage additional traffic impacts upon residential areas..." The applicants, working with the City, have devised a traffic calming plan to mitigate impacts on Gold Street and Sewall Street which may be considered by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

From a technical perspective, the petition may be forwarded to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for consideration. Consistent with the policy for rezoning petitions, the planning staff is providing a copy of the petition to the Planning Board, the Building Department and the Office of the City Solicitor for comment.

I will be available for any questions that the Board may have.

obert S. MacKenzie, AICP

Planning Director

C: Planning Board

Office of the City Solicitor

Building Department

Economic Development Office
One City Hall Plaza, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101
Phone: (603) 624-6450 Fax: (603) 624-6529
E-mail: planning@ManchesterNH.gov
www.ManchesterNH.gov

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



## CITY OF MANCHESTER

#### **Manchester Economic Development Office**



August 3, 2006

Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Manchester One City Hall Plaza Manchester, NH 03101

RE: Proposed Amendment to Zoning Map – Gold Street

Honorable Board Members:

This to recommend the extension of the B-2 Zoning District to encompass the former Associated Grocer's Site, 725 Gold Street and an adjacent parcel. The proposed redevelopment of the Associated Grocers site into a new Home Depot store is projected to cost over \$21,000,000 and generate \$193,000 in new property tax revenue to the City annually. In addition the project will allow Home Depot to expand in the City of Manchester, rather than relocating out-of-town. The existing space leased by Home Depot is in great demand by quality national retailers and will be redeveloped in short order.

In addition GFI/Home Depot development venture is contributing \$4,000,000 to the Gold Street Improvement Project. This project will widen and/or bypass narrow portions of Gold Street and improve and signalize neighborhood street intersections resulting in improved traffic flow, increased safety, curbside visitor parking, sidewalks and landscaping. This improvement to Gold Street will enable the City to entertain additional retail zoning requests near the Associated Grocer/Home Depot site which could generate significant additional investment and new property tax revenue while reducing industrial traffic truck traffic in the area. Based on acreage and lot coverage projections, the City could realize as much as \$184,000 in additional new property tax revenue from future adjacent retail development. In addition, the City could negotiate to recover a portion of the City's Gold Street improvement costs from future developers.

The Gold Street site is adjacent to the growing and successful South Willow Street retail district in close proximity to residential neighborhoods. Industrial truck traffic is incompatible with consumer and neighborhood traffic automobile. In my recommendation that the highest and best use of this site is retail, not industrial.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Borek

Economic Development Director

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

One City Hall Plaza, Manchester, NH 03101 Phone (603) 624-6505 Fax (603) 624-6308 E-mail: econdev@ci.manchester.nh.us www.ci.manchester.nh.us

## To the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester:

The Committee on Bills on Second Reading respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that Ordinance:

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district to include property currently zoned R-1B (Single-family) located on a portion of Tax Map 691 Lot 143-1 that will be on the north side of a proposed Gold Street Bypass and adjacent to Bradley Street and the New St. Augustin's Cemetery

ought to pass.

(Aldermen Duval, Lopez, Garrity, and Pinard recorded in favor; Alderman Gatsas opposed)

IN BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: September 5, 2006

ON MOTION OF ALD. Garrity

SECONDED BY ALD. Smith

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Clerk of Committee

Respectfully submitted,

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## City of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and S

#### AN ORDINANCE

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district to include property currently zoned R-1B (Single-family) located on a portion of Tax Map 691 Lot #143-1 that will be on the north side of a proposed Gold Street Bypass and adjacent to Bradley Street and the New St Augustin's Cemetery"

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester, as follows:

SECTION 1. Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district to include property currently zoned R-1B (Single-family) located on a portion of Tax Map 691 Lot #143-1 that will be on the north side of a proposed Gold Street Bypass and adjacent to Bradley Street and the New St Augustin's Cemetery and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the centerline of Bradley Street at a point opposite the property lines of New Beech Hill Development Company, LP (TM 691-15A) and the Diocese of Manchester (shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board on February 23, 2006 as TM 691-143-1), said point being on the zone boundary line of the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) district and the R-1B (Single-family), prior to this amendment;

Thence, westerly across the Right of Way of Bradley Street and continuing along the northerly boundary of said property of the Diocese of Manchester TM 691-143-1, said line also being the zone boundary line between the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) district and the R-1B (Single-family), prior to this amendment, approximately 1206 ft. to a point;

Said point being the end of the northerly boundary of the Diocese of Manchester TM 691-143-1, and at the intersection with the following properties: TM 691-143, TM 691-135, TM 691-136 and TM 691-15A;

Thence, southerly along the boundary of property of the Diocese of Manchester TM 691-143-1 a distance of 285.94 ft. to a point;

Thence, easterly along the boundary of property of the Diocese of Manchester TM 691-143-1 a distance of 295.71 ft. to a point;

Thence, southerly along the boundary of property of the Diocese of Manchester TM 691-143-1 a distance of approximately 130 ft. to a point, said point being on the edge of the proposed Right of Way of the Gold Street Bypass;

Thence, easterly across the Right of Way of the Gold Street Bypass to the centerline of said Bypass a distance of approximately 30 feet to a point;



## City of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and Six

### AN ORDINANCE

"Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Manchester by extending the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district to include property currently zoned R-1B (Single-family) located on a portion of Tax Map 691 Lot #143-1 that will be on the north side of a proposed Gold Street Bypass and adjacent to Bradley Street and the New St Augustin's Cemetery"

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester, as follows:

Thence, northeasterly and easterly along the centerline of the Right of Way of the Gold Street Bypass as extended to the centerline of Bradley Street a distance of approximately 1,017 feet to a point;

Thence northerly along the centerline of Bradley Street to a point opposite the property lines of New Beech Hill Development Company, LP (TM 691-15A) and the Diocese of Manchester (TM 691-143-1) a distance of approximately 324 feet to a point, said point also being the point of beginning.

Said description meaning to include a portion of property of the Diocese of Manchester (shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board on February 23, 2006 as TM 691-143-1) consisting of approximately 8.1 acres of private land, to be rezoned from the R-1B (Single-family) zoning district to the R-3 (Urban Multi-family) zoning district, after this amendment.

SECTION II. Resolve this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.





### CITY OF MANCHESTER

#### Planning and Community Development

Planning Community Improvement Program Growth Management



Staff to:
Planning Board
Heritage Commision
Millyard Design Review Committee

July 20, 2006

Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen City Hall One City Hall Plaza Manchester, New Hampshire 03101

re: Rezoning of Diocese Property behind Gold Street

Honorable Board Members:

This is to submit a request for rezoning for a portion of the Diocese Property adjacent to the proposed Gold Street Bypass from a single-family district (R-1B) to a multi-family district (R-3). The agreement that the Board recently acted upon called upon the City to initiate this rezoning. The Diocese has offered to donate the land necessary to create the new Gold Street Bypass as part of an overall plan to mitigate traffic in the area.

As this rezoning and the subsequent dedication of street area is necessary to complete the traffic improvements, it may be appropriate for the Board to time the final action on the rezoning of the Associated Grocers site with the rezoning of the Diocese property to insure that the creation of the Bypass is feasible.

From a technical standpoint, the Diocese rezoning is an extension of an existing multi-family zoning district and there are no other specific issues to preclude the rezoning to proceed to public hearing.

If you have any questions, I will be available at your next meeting.

Sincerely,

Robert S. MacKenzie, AICP

Director of Planning & Community Development

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Planning Board

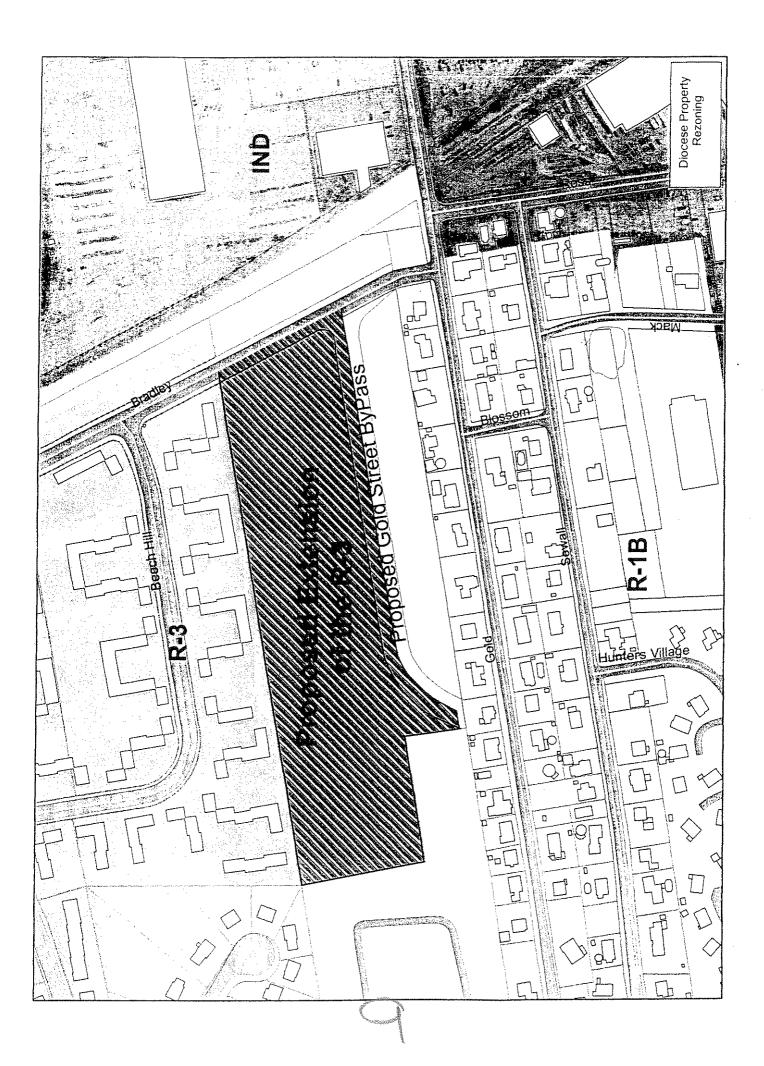
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## CITY OF MANCHESTER

### **Manchester Economic Development Office**



August 3, 2006

Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen City of Manchester One City Hall Plaza Manchester, NH 03101

RE: Proposed Amendment to Zoning Map - Diocese Property Behind Gold Street

Honorable Board Members:

This is to recommend that the R-3 Zoning be extended south to encompass a 9-acre parcel created by the Manchester Diocese donation of right-of-way for the proposed Gold Street Bypass. The remaining Diocese property, between the new Gold Street Bypass and existing single family homes will retain single family zoning allowing for a compatible buffer between existing homes and the proposed Bypass.

By donating the requested right-of-way, the Manchester Diocese enabled the City of Manchester, with the generous assistance of Home Depot, to solve a decades old traffic problem in the Gold Street neighborhood. Without the Diocese donation of right-of-way, further redevelopment of the Gold Street would be prohibited. Doing so allows Home Depot to expand, create new property tax revenue and allows other retailers to expand in or relocate to adjacent parcels the City of Manchester.

The Global Economic Development Strategy prepared by AngelouEconomics recommends that the City of Manchester "promote diverse housing that is affordable for local workers", noting the following excerpt from the National League of Cities (http://wwwnlc.org):

Local governments are responsible to their residents for maintaining communities where their people can live, work, enjoy recreational activities, and access services. Affordable housing, comprehensive community development, and well-planned and coordinated land use foster communities that are vibrant, diverse and sustainable. Further, these are critical components to the economic vitality of communities and local economic regions for creating jobs and increasing municipal tax base.

While this parcel is being considered for market rate development, Manchester's growing employee base in The Millyard, Downtown and throughout the City includes skilled technology and financial service professionals who need housing appropriate to their desires, lifestyle and budgets. New Hampshire business leaders and demographic experts have articulated concerns about maintaining sufficient housing availability for the demand of a growing business economy. The requested rezoning helps to address the need for housing to accommodate the growing Manchester employment base. For these reasons, your approval of this request is recommended.

Sincerely

Paul J. Bore

Economic Development Director

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## Tity of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and Seven

#### A RESOLUTION

"Authorizing Bonds, Notes or Lease Purchases in the amount of Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,300,000) for the 2007 CIP 713107, Granite Street Reconstruction – Phase 3 Project."

Resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester as follows:

SECTION 1. That there be and hereby is authorized under and pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, and any other enabling authority, the issuance and sale of general obligation serial bonds, notes or lease purchases of the City in the aggregate principal amount of Five Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,300,000) at one time or from time to time as one or more separate bond, note or lease purchase issues for purposes stated in Section 3 of said Act, as more specifically hereinafter indicated. The bonds, notes or lease purchases of each issue shall bear the City Seal, shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor, countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Finance Officer and shall be payable in such annual installments as shall be determined by the Finance Officer with the approval of the Mayor. Except as otherwise provided by law and this Resolution, discretion to fix the date, maturities, denomination, place of payment, form and other details of each issue of said bonds, notes or lease purchases and of providing for the sale thereof is hereby delegated to the Finance Officer.

SECTION 2. That the proceeds of said bonds, notes or lease purchases be and they are hereby appropriated for the purpose of financing costs of the following public works and improvements of a permanent nature, hereby authorized namely,

<u>Purpose</u> Amount

2007 CIP 713107, Granite Street Reconstruction - Phase 3 Project

\$5,300,000

It is hereby declared that the public works and improvements to be financed by said bonds, notes or lease purchases have a useful life in excess of 20 years.

SECTION 3. That the Finance Officer, with the approval of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to issue at one time or from time to time notes in anticipation of said bonds, notes or lease purchases and to renew or refund the same under and pursuant to and to the extent authorized by RSA 33:7a.

SECTION 4. That an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, notes or lease purchases payable in each year during which they are outstanding be and hereby is appropriated and, to the extent other funds are not available for such purpose, said amount shall be included in the tax levy for each year until the debt represented by said bonds, notes or lease purchases is extinguished.



## City of Manchester New Hampshire

In the year Two Thousand and Seven

#### A RESOLUTION

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Resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Manchester as follows:

SECTION 5. That the bonds, notes or lease purchases herein authorized may be consolidated with any other issue of bonds, notes or lease purchases heretofore or hereafter authorized, provided that the last annual installment of any such consolidated issue shall be payable not later than the date on which the last annual installment of the bonds, notes or lease purchases herein authorized must be payable pursuant to this Resolution.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.



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# NO PARKING (THURSDAY 3PM-5PM/SATURDAY 9AM-5PM/EMERGENCY ORDINANCE):

On Lakeside Drive, both sides, from a point 215 feet west of the Londonderry Turnpike to a point 390 feet west

#### **RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:**

On Beech Street, east side, from Webster Street to Amherst Street (ORD. 2622)

# RESCIND NO PARKING (THURSDAY 3PM-5PM/SATURDAY 9AM/5PM/EMERGENCY ORDINANCE):

On Lakeside Drive, both sides, from 28 By-Pass to a point 605 feet west (ORD. 9066)

# RESCIND NO PARKING – LOADING ZONE (MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-5PM)

On Merrimack Street, north side, from a point 100 feet east of Elm Street to a point 45 feet east (ORD. 6499)

# NO PARKING ANYTIME (7AM-10AM) – NO PARKING LOADING ZONE (MONDAY-FRIDAY, 10AM-5PM)

On Merrimack Street, north side, from a point 100 feet east of Elm Street to a point 45 feet east

#### SCHOOL ZONE ESTABLISHED

Mount Saint Mary's Academy

On Elm Street, north and south of Carpenter Street

On Carpenter Street, east of Elm Street

On Readey Street, west of Elm Street

#### REPEALING PROVISIONS

That all rules and regulations now in effect in accordance with the provisions of an Ordinance "Chapter 70 Motor Vehicles and Traffic" as adopted August 6, 2002, with subsequent amendments thereto and inconsistent with the traffic rules and regulations herein adopted be repealed.

(Unanimous vote)

Respectfully submitted,

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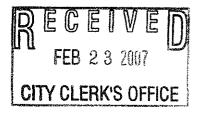
#### 2/22/07

To: Ald. Gatsas Ald. Duval Carol Johnson Frank Thomas

From: Jim Hoben

Re: Clarification of rescinding Beech Street No Parking

In order to revise the No Parking ordinance on Beech Street between Lowell and Amherst it was necessary to rescind the original Odinance which was written as Beech Street, east side from Webster Street to Amherst Street. It was rewritten as Beech Street, east side, from Webster to Lowell. (see hi-lited ordinances), and the other ordinance was written as No Stopping, Standing or Parking on Beech Street, east side from Lowell Street to Amherst Street.(see hi-lited ordinances) This is a clerical necessity in order to maintain the Traffic database per instructions from the City Clerk's office. Also, in hindsight I should have contacted Ald. Gatsas since the ordinance revisions transcended both wards. There never was going to be a change in signage in Ward 2. I hope this clears this up for you, but, if not please call me at 624-6580.





## CITY OF MANCHESTER

Chief Negotiator / Labor Contract Administrator



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

Leo Bernier, City Clerk

From:

David Hodgen AAH

Date:

February 27, 2007

Re:

Session with Board of Mayor and Aldermen, March 6, 2007

Please schedule a strategy session with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on March 6, 2007 to discuss Union negotiations.

Information regarding this matter will be transmitted to the Board under separate cover.

DAH:jac

Cc: Mayor Guinta